

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 12, 2009 (hereinafter "Restriction Requirement"). The Restriction Requirement asserted that the pending claims are drawn to two groups of independent and distinct inventions. The groups are:

Group I, claims 1, 2, 6, 9-12, 28 and 29, drawn to the structure of an input device having a hold member and an operation section with plural states, classified in class 345, subclass 156; and

Group II, claims 13-15, 17 and 20-26, drawn to an input device which allocates information codes in association with an operation section with plural states, classified in class 715, subclass 700+.

Applicants expressly take no position as to the correctness of the Restriction Requirement. However, Applicants elect **Group II**, claims 13-15, 17 and 20-26, drawn to an input device which allocates information codes in association with an operation section with plural states, classified in class 715, subclass 700+, because of the administrative requirement that an election be made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.142; MPEP § 818.03(b). Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 6, 9-12, 28 and 29 are cancelled by this Response.

Conclusion


For at least the reasons set forth above, the independent claims are believed to be allowable. In addition, the dependent claims are believed to be allowable due to their dependence on an allowable base claim and for further features recited therein. The application is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. If any issues remain outstanding, Applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned (561-838-5229 x228) if

it is believed that a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the application to an allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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